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SUBJECT: E-1 SITE

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- 1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS REPORT RE US TEAM WORKING ON E-1 SITE:
- 2. ALL US TEAM MEMBERS COMPLETED INITIAL WORK AND LAST TWO DEPARTED FROM E-1 SITE FEB 27. FOUR RETURNED TO WASHINGTON WITH TWO STILL IN CAIRO, PLUS CAIRO-BASED TDY STAFF OF THREE. TWO REMAINING TECHS ARE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF TOWER ASSEMBLY HARDWARD AND WILL THEN GO BACK TO E-1 FOR ROUGHLY TWO DAYS TO INSTALL A TOWER AND ANTENNA. ALSO, GENERATOR (FOR ELINT) TROUBLE DEVELOPED MARCH 1 AND COULD REQUIRE ONE TECH TO RETURN FOR DAY TO CHECK OUT THAT PROBLEM
- 3. RE EGYPTIAN ELINT ACTIVITIES AT E-1, THESE WERE TESTED ON FEB 22 AND DEMONSTRATED TO SENIOR VISITING EGYPTIAN OFFICERS. HOWEVER, EGYPTIANS DID NOT REALLY MAN ELINT UNIT ON OPERATIONAL BASIS UNTIL FEBRUARY 27. COMINT UNIT HAS BEEN FULLY MANNED AND OPERATIONAL ON 24-HOUR BASIS SINCE FEBRUARY 22.
- 4. ACCORDING US TEAM, E-1 SIGINT ACTIVITIES ARE GOING WELL. LARGE AMOUNT OF DATA COLLECTED AND BEING SECRET

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FORWARDED TO CAIRO, PRIMARILY BY COURIER, BUT ALSO

ELECTRICALLY.

5. US TEAM LEADER IS INFORMING EGYPTIANS THAT E-1 SITE WORK FROM NOW ON, I.E. PHASE II, WILL BE MAINLY CONTRACTOR. US TEAM WILL WORK WITH EGYPTIANS TOKEEP PHASE I OPERATIONAL WHILE HELPING CHOOSE CONTRACTOR FOR PHASE II DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AND THEREAFTER MAINTAIN QUALITY CONTROL MONITORING TO INSURE WORK IS PROPERLY DONE.

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